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LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, JULY 13, REUTER--THE BOLIVIAN SUPREME COURT
HAS ORDERED NATIONALIZED BUSINESSMAN KLAUS ALTMANN, WANTED IN
FRANCE FOR WAR CRIMES, DETAINED HERE IN JAIL PENDING
HIS EXTRADITION TO PERU, A COURT OFFICIAL SAID TONIGHT.
THE COURT OFFICIAL, CONFIRMING RADIO REPORTS ON THE
EXTRADITION ORDER, SAID ALTMANN HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR ALLEGED
EXTORTION, APPROPRIATION, AND ILLEGAL CURRENCY TRAFFICKING.
ALTMANN, MEANWHILE, REFUSED TO SEE HIS LAWYERS OR
ANY VISITORS IN HIS SPECIAL CHARGE AT THE JAIL HERE, PRISON
SOURCES SAID.

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BARRIE

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, JULY 13, REUTER--THE BOLIVIAN SUPREME COURT
RULLED TODAY THAT KLAUS BARRIE, THE GERMAN-BORN NATURALIZED
BOLIVIAN WANTED BY FRANCE FOR WAR CRIMES, BE EXTRADITED TO
PERU TO FACE CHARGES OF ILLEGAL CURRENCY TRAFFICKING, A RADIO STATION
REPORTED HERE.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT.
FRANCE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED THE EXTRADITION OF BARRIE, WHO
AS BUSINESSMAN KLAUS ALTMANN HAS LIVED IN BOLIVIA SINCE 1954.
A FRENCH MILITARY TRIBUNAL AFTER WORLD WAR TWO FOUND BARRIE
GUILTY OF TORTURING AND KILLING HUNDREDS OF RESISTANCE WORKERS
WHILE HE WAS CHIEF OF THE GESTAPO.

THE FRENCH
CITY OF LYONS DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION.
HE WAS SENT TO JAIL EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE LA PAZ PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR AFTER ADMITTING IN A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW THAT BARRIE AND
ALTMANN WERE ONE AND THE SAME.

THE SUPREME COURT RECENTLY OVERRODE THIS DECISION AND ORDERED
HIS RELEASE BUT HE IS STILL IN DETENTION BECAUSE HIS PROSECUTOR
HAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO PASS ON THE COURT'S INSTRUCTIONS
TO THE PRISON GOVERNOR.

JUDICIAL SOURCES HERE SAID THE REPORTED DECISION TO EXTRADITE
BARRIE TO PERU COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS FOR THE FRENCH REQUEST.
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